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## INSIDE TODAY WORLD NEWS

### SUPREME 'NO'



A man against ousted Honduras President Manuel Zelaya holds up a sign saying: "Cowboy commander traitor and now a crybaby, Long Live Honduras!" outside of the presidential residence, in support of the interim government in Tegucigalpa, Friday July 3, 2009. See World News See Page 8

## SPORTS NEWS

### E-RODDICK-ATED



Andy Murray of Britain waves to the crowd after losing to Andy Roddick of U.S. in their semifinal match on centre court at Wimbledon, Friday, July 3, 2009.

See Sports Today Page 10

# Paseo Herencia unveils Olympic Wall of Fame

PALM BEACH - The Olympic Wall of fame has been revealed on Sunday, June 28 after a well attended Olympic Day Run and Walk by hundreds of participants. The program for that day started with a great show prepared by The Barracudas Synchronized Swim Team in Paseo Herencia's pool then followed by a speech by the vice - president and the president of the Olympic Committee of Aruba, Mr. Maikito Croes and Mr. Roy Mezas, both explained the importance that the Olympics has on the community of Aruba. On the Olympic Wall of Fame all 32 athletes that represented Aruba in the past years in the Olympic Games were recognized. The Olympic Wall of Fame is situated under the electrical stairs that leads to the cinemas and is placed on the wall behind the cinemas ticket booth, everyone is more than welcome to visit this site in honor to Aruba's Olympians. As a tribute to Michael Jackson every day at 8:30pm for the past week until Sunday, June 5th we will be playing Best of the Best of Michael Jackson Waltzing Water Show. During the summer vacation on Saturday's and Sunday's from 5pm - 8pm there will be entertainment for kids on the plaza by Disney Creation; Dino Jump, Face Painting, Cotton



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# Ace Agents welcomed at the Radisson



PALM BEACH — The Radisson Aruba Resort Spa & Casino hosted a sumptuous lunch in honor of the Ace Agents visiting the island on a familiarization trip. Their visit the resort also included a site inspection. The Ace Agents, Aruba Certified Experts, are a group of travel professionals who specialize in selling the island as a vacation destination. Lunch was served at the Sunset Grille restaurant, the resort's AAA 4 diamond rated steakhouse and included exotic and tropical dishes prepared by the culinary team, under direction of executive chef Hector Espinoza.



Pictured here the Ace Agents sales and marketing team enjoying Radisson's genuine hospitality, escorted by the Aruba Tourism Authority



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# Radisson Hotels & Resorts Names Travel Industry Sales Manager



Radisson Hotels & Resorts is pleased to announce the appointment of Margo Esposito as travel industry sales manager for Radisson Resorts Aruba and St Martin.

Based in Hollywood, Fla., she will provide strategic leadership for the marketing and sales team's leisure travel efforts.

"Margo Esposito will be a valuable asset to Radisson resorts in Aruba and St Martin," explains the resorts' Director of Sales and Marketing Francis Purvey. "Our work with travel agents is vital and Margo will play an important role in strengthening these partnerships,"

Esposito comes to Radisson with over 20 years of hospitality sales and marketing experience, representing preeminent resorts in the United States, Central America and the Caribbean.

The Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is situated on Palm Beach, encompassing the best 14 oceanfront acres on Aruba. The AAA Four Diamond-rated property features a white sandy beach, lagoons, waterfalls, manicured gardens and 353 guestrooms including 30 luxurious suites and

exclusive Plaza Club accommodations. The resort also features sumptuous cuisine, two free-form pools, a 16,000 square foot casino, the 13,000 square foot award-winning Larimar Spa, PADI watersports facility, and over 15,000 square feet of meeting space.

Radisson St Martin Resort, Marina & Spa recently completed an \$80 million transformation, opening December 16, 2008. The luxurious oceanfront property is the quintessential St Martin

getaway, comprised of several Caribbean plantation-style building featuring 189 rooms and 63 suites. Radisson St Martin also features a 93-meter signature zero-entry infinity pool, lush garden areas and suites adjacent to the property's 150-slip, full-service marina. Guests can enjoy gourmet dining at C Le Restaurant, a chic, open-air beachfront venue showcasing Executive Chef Bruno Brazier's contemporary-Caribbean/classic-French cuisine. □

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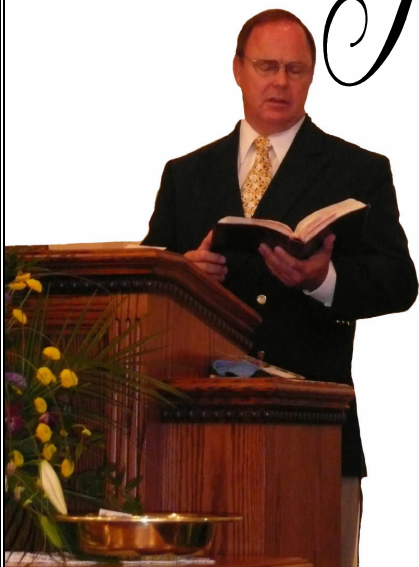
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## Madonna for Louis Vuitton advertising campaign Autumn/Winter 2009-2010



2009-2010 campaign thus features Madonna in a series of sophisticated portraits reminiscent of the golden age of Hollywood. Inspired by the photographs of Man Ray, who perfected the technique of solarisation, and nodding to the lush colors and sumptuous draperies of the paintings of Tamara de Lempicka, the images have a softer, more intimate quality than the previous campaign, while losing nothing of its power to arrest.

In the seven visuals, Madonna models key pieces from Marc Jacobs' Fall/Winter ready-to-wear collection for Louis Vuitton, whose ruffled silks, extravagant accessories and sequined Monogram bags strike an out-and-out glamorous note, which is balanced by the sweetly ironic



ORANJESTAD --Following the success of Louis Vuitton's Spring/Summer 2009 fashion campaign starring Madonna and photographed by Steven Meisel, Artistic Director Marc Jacobs was keen to repeat the experience for Fall/Winter, but equally determined to produce something entirely different.

Shot in a New York studio, the Fall/Winter



presence of the bunny ears that were such a hit on the catwalk.

"After the fun we had with the Spring/Summer campaign, and the amazing reaction to it, all of us – Madonna, Steven and myself – were eager to get back together for Fall/Winter," comments Marc Jacobs. "While the two campaigns look very different, there is also a unity about them, so it now feels like we have completed both parts of the story."

Antoine Arnault, Head of Communications for Louis Vuitton, comments: "This is another superb campaign, reflecting not only the close relationship between Madonna, Marc Jacobs and Steven Meisel, but also their immense creative talent and their consistent desire to challenge and innovate." The Louis Vuitton Fall/Winter 2009-2010 advertising campaign will break in the August 2009 issues of magazines worldwide. □



# Aruba Aloe celebrates summer with Free Tours at its Museum & Factory

ORANJESTAD - Summer is here! To celebrate this, Aruba Aloe is offering free tours for everybody during the summer months July and August 2009!

Aruba's Aloe is called the World's Finest™ and if you take the tour you will find out why; let the tour guides show you how the Aloe gel is cut and freshly processed, discover the state of the art production area where all the Aruba Aloe products are made, and walk along the numerous displays in the Aloe museum to see the major transformation that the company has gone through since its foundation in 1890.

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Tours are suitable for all ages and can be given in English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamentu.

Tour hours are from Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon. The tour duration is about 25 minutes.

Aruba Aloe Balm N.V. is located at Pitastraat 115, Hato (opposite EPB Hato) Aruba Aloe stores can be found at the Paseo Herencia Mall, the Renaissance Mall and at the Aruba Aloe Factory at Hato. □

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# Get a taste of hip and cool Cilo on the marina

ORANJESTAD - Undoubtedly you have noticed the huge Taste of Belgium banner that has disguised the front of former restaurant The Villa (Villa Germania) at the Renaissance Marketplace during the past few months. Well, that banner will not be there for much longer: all the stripping has been done, construction is almost finished and the renovation stage is getting near completion. Shortly you will be able to witness a total transformation.

Cilo is the restaurant's new name; it stands for City Lounge and it promises to be a hotspot for locals, visitors, shoppers and moviegoers alike. Cool, fresh, modern and easy is its recipe for success. With opening hours from 7 am until 3 am it caters from

early birds looking for a great breakfast to late-night revelers and everyone in between. Breakfast, lunch, cocktails, dinner, music, karaoke, dancing: you name it, it's at Cilo on the marina.

And did we already mention the stunning view from the terrace? Luxury yachts, fishing charter boats, the Renaissance shuttle: the comings and goings on the turquoise waters provide a never-ending show. Designed by Arjen Coster, the architect who already drew attention with stunning Papillon Restaurant at The Village, Cilo is one-of-a kind. The restaurant is going to stand out for sure. Imagine earth colors, even tree bark, rough, cream colored limestone and a glittering floor, wooden furniture and indirect lighting



and you get an idea. Three wide screens with video streaming, a superb sound

system with the latest music, a terrace with couches and parasols and around the corner marina-view tables and chairs make up the rest.

The menu is immense and not pricey at all at Cilo and chef Sander de Ruyter is offering everything under the sun, it seems. [www.cilo-aruba.com](http://www.cilo-aruba.com) is the restaurant's website name; it will be live from August 1st. By the way, Cilo's Facebook link provides interaction with

regulars and guests and a newsletter will keep you up to date and in the loop about upcoming events and parties. As you will see almost daily changes from now on, you might be wondering when Cilo will open its doors. Well, the opening date is August 1, so please write that date down so you won't forget to be there as one of the first guests to get a taste of Cilo. □

## The Garlic Escargots are back @ Salt & Pepper!!!



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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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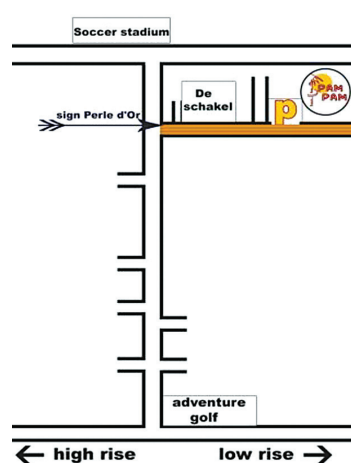


Pam-Pam Café, located in the charming Perle D'Or Resort in Bubali, is the place to be on Friday evenings for a great taste of regional music, dance, food and hospitality, as proprietors and hosts Nico and Monique van de Borne welcome guests for their weekly "Latin Night."

Pam-Pam Café is situated in a delightful tropical setting that is the perfect backdrop for a show by 2002 World Salsa Champions Janice and Oslin Boekhoudt, who run their Pachanga Dance School

out Perle D'Or. They and their dance troupe put on a show of the exotic Zouk, originating from the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, and inspiration for the Brazilian Lambada. If their sensual movements inspire any audience members, they can sign up at Pam-Pam for private dance lessons from the Pachanga crew, which also teach Salsa and Merengue.

In addition to the island music and dance, reasonably priced snacks (10.50 in Aruban florins (\$6) for an Assorted Snack Platter or Buffalo Wings among



other choices) and cocktails are available throughout the evening. From 11 PM until closing time, Pam-Pam offers a special on top shelf whiskey for only 6 Aruban



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If you are looking for the "real deal" in Caribbean entertainment and ambiance and a chance to rub elbows with islanders, schedule Pam-Pam Café as your Friday night entertainment!

Pam Pam restaurant

First-time patrons will be pleasantly surprised by an appealing a la carte menu that is quite affordably priced, and main courses, (25) which are priced between \$13 / \$22.

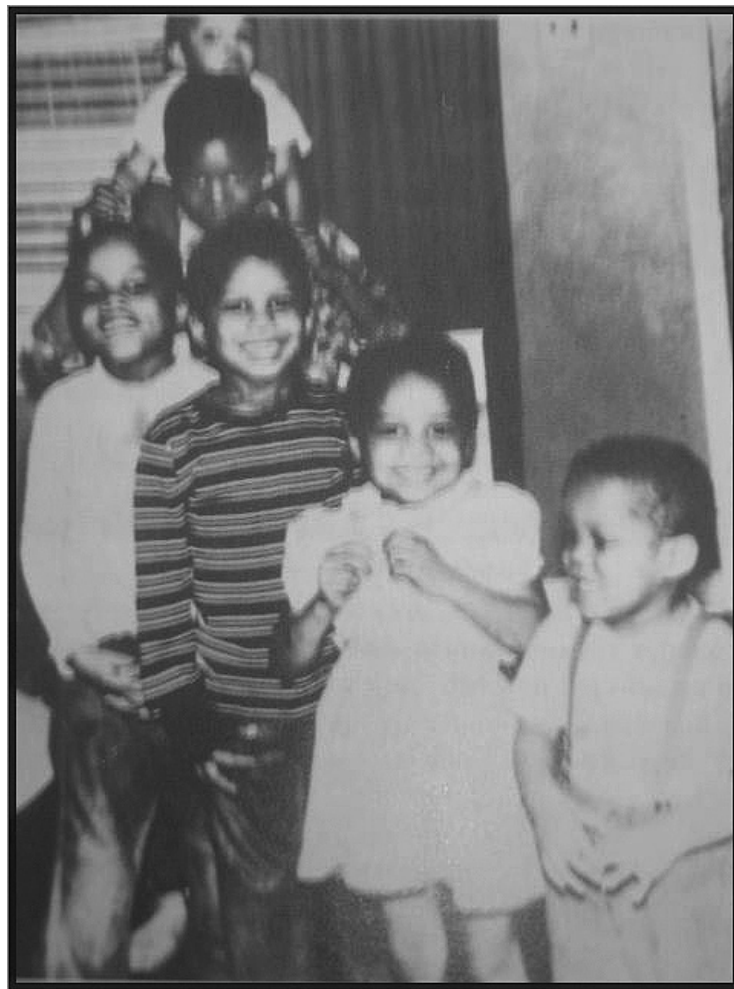
Pam-Pam's house specialty is a unique method of preparation, which presently,

in Aruba, is found only at their establishment and which they have dubbed their "Gourmet Meal." A grill and a collection of the freshest of ingredients for the various dishes ordered are assembled tableside, and patrons prepare the food themselves, controlling their preference of seasonings and garnishes, along with degree of doneness, providing a unique and personal taste treat. It is suggested that reservations for this singular dining experience be made one day in advance.

When you want to see restaurants menu, visit: [www.visitaruba.com](http://www.visitaruba.com) Phone: 5877710 or 5932660 ☐

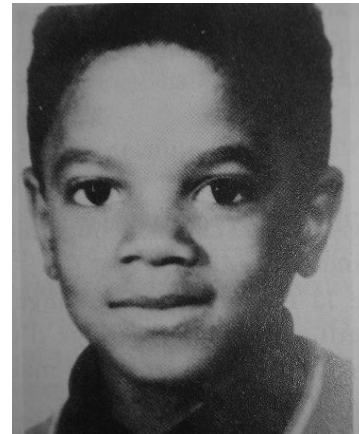
# IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL JACKSON

## 1958 - 2009



Rare family photo of the Jackson family. L to r: back row - Katherine, Joseph, Rebbie, Randy sitting on Tito's lap, Jermaine. Front row: Michael, Marlon and Latoya.

Rare family photo of Michael at age 2 sitting on Jackie's shoulders. L to r: Tito, Jermaine, Latoya and Marlon (far right)



Michael in an undated photo

School photo of Michael Jackson at age 7



The J5's first TV appearance with Diana Ross when the family still lived in Gary, Indiana



Joe Jackson, the J-5's father!

Photo in a 1971 issue of TCB magazine. Joe Jackson holds Randy and Michael holds Janet

L to R: Marlon, Michael, Jackie and Jermaine in 1966 when Jermaine was the lead singer of the Jackson 5

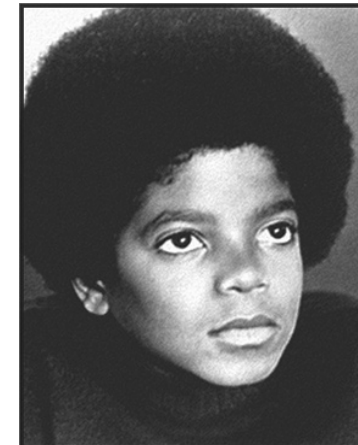
**Michael  
Rest In Peace**



First known photo of Michael Jackson performing with his brothers when they were known as the Ripples and Waves. This photo was taken at the talent contest at Roosevelt High in Gary Indiana, 1966, with Marlon on tambourine, Tito on bass, Jackie and Jermaine dancing, and Michael on bongos (far right) at age 8. Jermaine was the lead singer of the Ripples and Waves at that time. Milford Hite is on drums, and lead guitarist was Reynaud Jones (not in photo). They were both classmates of Tito and were members of the original group.



Sleeping on the bus in 1969



Publicity still that was re-touched to make Michael's nose smaller



J5 and their drummer, Milford (right), backstage at the Regal Theater in Chicago, 1968, before they were discovered



Publicity still from an early photo shoot in 1969



Michael and Jermaine in 1970



School photo of Michael at age 8



Michael and the J5 rehearsing for a TV special with Diana Ross in 1970



Early publicity still of the Jackson 5 in 1969 after signing to Motown records



Early publicity still of the Jackson 5 in 1968



Michael Jackson, left, at age 10 with his brothers and drummer Milford Hite when they played the adult nightclub circuit in 1968 before being discovered. By that time Michael was the lead singer of the group.



Michael and Marlon meet the greatest, Muhammad Ali, when he was known as Cassius Clay



Workers move a Michael Jackson billboard outside the Staples Center after a press conference telling people how to get tickets to the upcoming memorial for the music legend at LA Live in downtown Los Angeles. The website set up to process applications for tickets to Michael Jackson's memorial service received more than half a billion hits in less than two hours, officials said Friday.

(AFP/Robyn Beck)

## Powerful sedative found in Michael Jackson's home

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD,  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The powerful sedative Diprivan was found in Michael Jackson's home, a law enforcement official said Friday as the city planned for a massive crowd at the singer's memorial service.

Diprivan is an anesthetic widely used in operating rooms to induce unconsciousness. Also known as Propofol, it's given intravenously and is very unusual to have in a private home. The law enforcement official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak about the matter.

A Los Angeles Police spokesman, Lt. John Romero, declined to discuss the case. "It's an ongoing investigation," he said.

At the downtown Staples Center, where Jackson's memorial will be held Tuesday, Assistant Police Chief Earl Paysinger said up to 700,000 people could try to reach the arena, even though only 17,500 free tickets will be available.

City Councilwoman Jan Perry urged people to stay home and watch the memorial on TV. There will not be a funeral procession through the city.

Free tickets to Jackson's memorial service can be obtained by registering at Staplescenter.com. There will be 11,000 tickets for seats inside Staples Center and 6,500 for seats in the adjacent Nokia Theatre, where fans can watch a simulcast. After 6 p.m. Saturday, 8,750 names will be randomly selected to receive two tickets each.

No details of the memorial service itself have been released.

Authorities are investigating allegations that the 50-year-old Jackson had been consuming

painkillers, sedatives and antidepressants. Any criminal charges would depend on whether Jackson had been overly prescribed medications, given drugs inappropriate for his needs, or if doctors knowingly prescribed Jackson medications under an assumed name. Edward Chernoff, an attorney for Jackson's doctor, Dr. Conrad Murray, said Friday through a spokeswoman that he had agreed with investigators not to comment until information is released through official channels. Murray was in Jackson's rented mansion when the singer collapsed June 25.

Murray has spoken to police and authorities say he is not a suspect. In an earlier interview, Chernoff said Murray never gave or prescribed Jackson the painkillers Demerol or OxyContin, and denied reports suggesting that the doctor gave the pop star drugs that contributed to his death.

Chernoff would not discuss what drugs the doctor administered to Jackson, but said they would have been prescribed in response to a specific complaint.

As Jackson recently prepared for a massive series of comeback concerts, he was so distraught over persistent insomnia that he pleaded for Diprivan, according to Cherilyn Lee, a registered nurse who was working with the singer.

Lee said she repeatedly rejected his demands because the drug was unsafe.

It's still not known what caused Jackson's death at age 50. The pop star went into cardiac arrest in his bedroom and his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, performed CPR while an ambulance was called, according to Murray's lawyers. Murray has spoken to police and authorities say he is not a suspect. □

## Jackson Memorial Set for Staples Center, Funeral Plans Falling Into Place



Natalie Finn, Ken Baker and Whitney English

Los Angeles (E! Online) — UPDATE: E! News has learned exclusively that AEG Live will make next Tuesday's memorial service for Michael Jackson free to the public.

"There will not be a charge for tickets," says an event organizer.

More details will be released on Friday morning at 10 a.m. during a press conference being held outside of Staples Center.

The pieces are finally falling into place as to how Michael Jackson will at last be laid to rest—and then memorialized accordingly.

Arrangements are still being made, but Jackson's body will ultimately be interred at Forest Lawn cemetery in the Hollywood Hills, and an open-to-the-masses tribute to the King of Pop will take place at Staples Center on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

"Details are still to be finalized when I meet with the Jackson family this afternoon," AEG Live CEO Randy Phillips told L.A.'s KNBC-TV. "Everything is in preliminary stages except the place and time."

The L.A. Police Department will be ready, having already started setting up security blockades outside Staples in Chick Hearn Court.

Arrivals will begin around 8 a.m., Phillips said. Huge-screen TVs will be set up elsewhere in the L.A. Live complex as well, to give any overflow crowd a glimpse of what's inside.

But while details of what the Jacksons have in mind for the memorial event remain murky, at least the death certificate can finally exchange hands.

The L.A. County Coroner's Office told E! News today that a death certificate—minus the final cause of death, which is pending—has been issued for the 50-year-old artist, but it could not be released until the family had decided on funeral arrangements.

"Until [the family] makes specific plans for funeral arrangements, that might be what's holding it up," spokesman Craig Harvey said.

As for the official cause of death, Harvey says that it will say "deferred" on Jackson's certificate right now.

"That basically means that the coroner is still doing its investigation and hasn't issued a final cause yet. When we do issue the final cause, we'll issue an amendment and that will indicate the final cause of death." □

# Princess releases 11- and 14-day Caribbean vacation incentives

Princess Cruise Lines just announced 11- and 14-day Caribbean cruises starting at \$999 from Fort Lauderdale this winter. This amounts to less than \$100 per person per day. These rates are per person rate and does not include government fees and taxes. The specials include the following:

Grand Southern Caribbean

The departure date for this itinerary is Jan. 4, 2010. This is an 11-day cruise roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale onboard the Grand Princess. This itinerary includes stops at the following ports of call: Princess Cays, Bahamas; St. Thomas, USVI; Antigua; Barbados; Grenada; and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

## Caribbean Collection

The departure dates for this itinerary are Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, and Mar. 26, 2010. This is a 14-day cruise roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale onboard the Grand Princess. This itinerary includes stops at the following ports of call: Aruba, Curacao, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, and Grand Turk.

Please talk to your local travel agent about these deals for the winter. Also, stay tuned for more of the cruise experience in future articles. Until then, Bon Voyage! ☐



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# St. Maarten objects to forcing Aruba to accept Joint Court

~ Five Consensus Kingdom Laws approved ~

PHILIPSBURG--The Island Council approved the draft Consensus Kingdom Law on the Joint Court of Justice Thursday, but maintained firmly that St. Maarten objects to forcing Aruba to accept the Court as outlined in law. The draft law was handled by the Kingdom Council of Ministers Friday.

Aruba has been determined that the Joint Court's seat be moved from Curaçao to Aruba's capital Oranjestad, now that the Court would serve Country St. Maarten, Country Curaçao and the public entities Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES Islands) – a stance not supported by Curaçao, the Central Government or the Dutch Government.

This impasse led to the matter being handled via a Kingdom Law based on consensus between the Netherlands, the Antilles, Curaçao and St. Maarten, but not Aruba.

As far as the Joint Court of Justice is concerned, Aruba has stated that if the seat of the Court is not established in Aruba, Aruba prefers to regulate an autonomous Court of First Instance and court registrar in Aruba, separate from that of the proposed entity in the present draft law for the Joint Court of Justice, but with a cooperation arrangement for the Appeals Court.

The Netherlands has objected to this solution and a proposal has been incorporated in the draft consensus law to impose on Aruba the system developed by Curaçao, St. Maarten and the Netherlands, using the Kingdom Guarantee Function of Article 43(ii) in conjunction with Article 14 of the Kingdom Charter. The Central Government, Curaçao and St. Maarten have objected to this.

This draft law and four others were approved by the Island Council Thursday, and will be on the table of the Kingdom Council of Ministers for approval today, Friday. The others were the Consensus Kingdom Laws on Financial Supervision, Police,

Council on the Maintenance of Justice and the Prosecutor's Office.

St. Maarten's government considers as one package the five Kingdom laws and the Kingdom law on changes to the Charter in which St. Maarten is declared a Country within the Kingdom. As far as St. Maarten is concerned, approval of the five laws is conditional to establishing St. Maarten as a country within the Kingdom.

Advisors for the Netherlands Antilles will make a final appeal to the Council not to use Article 43(ii) in conjunction with Article 14 of the Kingdom Charter to impose the court structure developed by Curaçao and St. Maarten on Aruba.

If the Dutch persist in the matter, St. Maarten and Curaçao will, through the Central Government, instruct the Minister Plenipotentiary to file for an internal appeal. This course of action was decided on during a teleconference among the partners Wednesday.

The Dutch Prime Minister will function as independent chairman for the internal appeal and not as chairman of the Kingdom Council of Ministers. The Ministers Plenipotentiary of the Antilles and Aruba, and a minister from the Antillean Cabinet (the country filing the appeal) will take part in the meeting. If this avenue is unsuccessful, parties will get legal advice on the way forward.

Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin said in the meeting that St. Maarten has objected strenuously to the application of these articles as the Charter provides no legal basis to do so, and it is not the correct way to resolve conflicts between Kingdom governments, certainly not in cases where it concerns the legitimate authority over a task and responsibility of that country.

Marlin told the Island Council, "It would constitute an unheard of and unacceptable precedent in the use

of the Charter that could later be used against the vital interests of St. Maarten and/or of Curaçao for that matter."

The inclusion of the proposed measure on Aruba also tarnishes the relationship between that country and the emerging countries of Curaçao and St. Maarten and could very well induce Aruba to object to proposed changes to the Kingdom Charter, thereby effectively blocking the establishment of country status, he continued.

The Kingdom Council of State believes that the Kingdom law should be based solely on Charter (consensus laws) Article 38(ii). Based on this and other considerations, the draft law with amendments was presented for approval by the Executive Council with the clear intention of taking a solid stand against the proposed application of Article 43(ii) in conjunction with Article 14 of the Charter in the issue with Aruba.

"St. Maarten is furthermore pursuing arrangements with the governments of the Netherlands Antilles, Curaçao and if possible with the Netherlands, to prevent and or curtail the – in our opinion – unconstitutional use of the Charter of the Kingdom in this way," Commissioner Marlin said.

Not approving the law would have jeopardised St. Maarten's quest to become a country by delaying the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles. St. Maarten would be blamed for stalling the process, an unacceptable position for the island, he continued, adding that any attempt by the Dutch to impose Article 43 on St. Maarten or Curaçao during the dismantling would be resisted.

Democratic Party Island Councilwoman Sarah Wescot-Williams is of the same opinion and backs the action plans outlined in the teleconference with the Antillean Council of Ministers and Curaçao. She was part of the St. Maarten team. □

## Seven St. Maarteners join InselAir cabin crew

PHILIPSBURG--InselAir has added seven new cabin attendants from St. Maarten to its crew Wednesday. This is the first time a Netherlands Antilles based airlines has selected and trained a batch of attendants from St. Maarten.

The cabin attendants received their official certification Wednesday at Sonesta Great Bay Beach Resort and Casino from airline officials in the presence of Commissioner William Marlin.

The new attendants are Bilfried Paula, Wentley Wilson, Jennifer Perez, Giovanni Thomas, Jessica MacDonna, Nicole Richards and Mildred Barry. Wilson takes to the skies today, Wednesday on a flight to Curaçao with connections to Valencia, Colombia. Fellow attendants will be joining circulation in the following days. They will be linking up with attendants

on InselAir flights servicing Valencia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Curaçao. Cabin attendants will be part of the local operations, said InselAir St. Maarten Manager Alonzo Hassell. Miki Bronswinkel of Cabin Affairs told the "St. Maarten Seven" they should be proud to be the youngest batch of cabin attendants in the InselAir network and the first group from St. Maarten. She urged them to spread their wings and soar with the airline. The St. Maarten Seven were encouraged by Myrtra Barby also of Cabin Affairs to pursue all career opportunities offered in the InselAir network.

Commissioner William Marlin commended InselAir, a privately owned airline for doing what the defunct Antillean Airline ALM never did – integrate St. Maarten people into its operations.

The airline is taking firm steps

to utilise St. Maarten as a second hub. To this, Marlin said, "If you want a hub in the Caribbean, it cannot be Curaçao; InselAir has realised this and has started to use St. Maarten's strategic [geographical] position."

InselAir's commitment to servicing the islands equally comes at a time when the Netherlands Antilles is breaking apart. "It took InselAir to show togetherness [in the Antilles], and not ALM, a government-owned company." He thanked the three-year-old airline for including St. Maarten in its growth. The St. Maarten Seven were urged to look at this start with InselAir as a stepping stone to the wide world of aviation by Marlin who looks forward to some attendants pursuing studies to become pilots in the future.

InselAir Director of International Affairs Edward Heerenveen said the St. Maarten Seven have

made history in the Antillean airline field. Including people from all the destinations in its network in the cabin crew is a goal of InselAir. "People need to be handled as family."

Proud to be part of the InselAir team is new cabin attendant Wentley Wilson (25), a qualified aircraft mechanic who completed his studies in Tallahassee, Florida and was looking for a job in the aviation field.

Nicole Richards (21) was waiting tables at Fusion restaurant as she waited for a new challenge. This came with InselAir when her mother encouraged her to apply for a cabin crew training. Bilfried Paula (29) worked at Menzies Aviation for three years. He and the six others were selected for cabin crew training from a pool of over 100 applicants.

Mildred Barry (20) had worked

for American Airlines and Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino before she applied for a spot with InselAir. She and batch mates received the same training as the cabin crew of Air France and Dutch Royal Airline KLM. Jessica MacDonna (23) worked the front desk of a local resort before answering the call to the take to the skies as a cabin attendant with InselAir.

Jovanni Thomas (23) wanted a new challenge after working in construction for over a year while seeking a job that suited his studies. He worked on the Yogesh Complex doing everything from painting to installing scaffolding.

New cabin attendant Jennifer Perez (23) worked in Princess Juliana International Airport with Juliana Airport Handlers for three years, one of these she spent checking in and boarding InselAir passengers. □

# Study: New flu inefficient in attacking people



A physician holds samples of patients suspected of being infected with swine flu at a hospital in Buenos Aires, Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Health authorities have warned that while the swine flu peak has passed in Mexico, the Southern Hemisphere is at risk as it heads deeper into its winter flu season as the nation's swine flu death toll surged to 35.

(AP Photo/Ezequiel Pontoriero)

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,  
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WASHINGTON — With swine flu continuing to spread around the world, researchers say they have found the reason it is — so far — more a series of local blazes than a wide-raging wildfire. The new virus, H1N1, has a protein on its surface that

is not very efficient at binding with receptors in people's respiratory tracts, researchers at the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology report in Friday's edition of the journal Science. "While the virus is able to bind human receptors, it clearly appears to be restricted," Ram Sasisekharan, lead author of the report, said in a statement. But flu viruses are known to mutate rapidly, the research team noted, so this one must be watched closely in case it changes to become easier to spread.

Even if it doesn't mutate, it's causing plenty of illness here and abroad already — and vaccine makers are working "at full speed" to develop shots for use in the fall if the government deems it enough of a threat, Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious disease director of the National Institutes of Health, said Thursday. Within a few weeks, Fauci expects to receive the first test batches for government-led studies in volunteers to see if the vaccine triggers signs of immune protection, at what dose and is safe.

The results of those tests will help the U.S. government decide whether to distribute swine flu vaccine in the fall, how much, and whether children or others should be first to get it.

The government wants public input before it makes any decisions, Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Thursday.

Good news: The swine flu virus circulating today "is molecularly strikingly similar" to the spring's first cases, making it likely that any vaccine could be "a perfect match," Fauci added.

Worldwide, more than 300 people have died and more than 70,000 cases have been confirmed, according to the World Health Organization, which last month officially declared the virus a pandemic. It's currently flu season in the Southern Hemisphere, and viral spread in Argentina has prompted schools there to give students an early vacation. But swine flu hasn't abated in the

Northern Hemisphere, unusual since influenza usually retreats from summer's high heat and humidity. Confirmed U.S. cases have reached nearly 34,000 — a fraction of the infected are tested — and deaths rose 34 percent in the past week to hit 170, the CDC said Thursday. England's health minister said Thursday that his country faces a projected 100,000 new swine flu cases a day by the end of August.

Also Thursday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the U.S. will provide 420,000 treatment courses of the antiviral medicine Tamiflu to the Pan-American Health Organization to help fight the flu in Latin America and the

Caribbean. "All of us have a responsibility to help support one another in the face of this challenge," Sebelius said at a meeting of health ministers in Mexico.

Sasisekharan's paper, meanwhile, warned that the H1N1 strain might just need a single change or mutation to make it resistant to Tamiflu. The researchers also noted that the new virus is more active in the gastrointestinal tract than seasonal flu, leading to intestinal distress and vomiting in about 40 percent of those infected.

The research was funded by the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology and the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences. □

## Scrub tech may have exposed thousands to hepatitis

DENVER — A former surgery technician may have exposed thousands of Colorado patients to hepatitis C when she swapped her own dirty syringes for ones filled with a powerful narcotic, federal authorities said Thursday.

Kristen Diane Parker faces criminal charges for allegedly making the swaps while working at Audubon Ambulatory Surgery Center in Colorado Springs and Rose Medical Center in Denver.

Authorities say Parker admitted to changing out syringes containing a saline solution with ones filled with the painkiller Fentanyl. Parker injected herself with the drug, according to a complaint filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Denver.

An affidavit by Mary F. LaFrance, an investigator for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, says at least nine surgery patients at Rose have tested positive for hepatitis C, which is incurable. About 6,000 patients are being advised they may have been exposed and need to be tested.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne disease that can cause serious liver problems, including cirrhosis

or liver cancer. The illness is treatable, but there is no cure. Symptoms can include nausea, diarrhea, fatigue, pain and jaundice.

Rose Medical Center officials told a news conference Thursday night they were working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to determine whether Parker was the source of the virus.

It could not be determined Thursday night whether Parker had an attorney.

Parker worked at Rose from Oct. 21, 2008, until April. Hospital officials say she was suspended April 13, before they learned of the cases, and then fired. She had failed a drug test by testing positive for Fentanyl.

Parker went to work for the Audubon surgery center shortly after being fired. She worked there from May 4 until Monday, Dr. J. Michael Hall, Audubon's medical director, told The Gazette in Colorado Springs.

If convicted of tampering with a consumer product and other charges, she faces up to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine on the most serious charge of tampering. □



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# Enthusiasts chase solar eclipses around the world



**FILE/The Associated Press :Dutch tourists cheer a solar eclipse in the Mediterranean coastal resort of Side, Turkey, on March 29, 2006.**

The universe has gone beautifully awry. The temperature drops, daylight darkens eerily, dots of sunlight on the ground turn into crescents, sunlight on pale colors starts to ripple as though reflected through a swimming pool. Then the moon fully covers the sun, which instantly turns into a black dot in the sky surrounded by a diaphanous halo and stars and planets. Watching a total solar eclipse is an incredible experience. Ask anyone who's seen one.

A solar eclipse occurs when the sun, moon and Earth line up (in that order), and the moon's shadow falls on the Earth. (A lunar eclipse happens when the sun, Earth and moon align, and the Earth's shadow falls on the moon.)

Total solar eclipses occur around the globe, so they're an excuse for trips to exotic locales. You can experience them on your own or with a tour. The next one will be July 22. It will track through parts of India (including Varanasi and Darjeeling), Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Tibet, China (including Chengdu and Shanghai), southern Japanese islands (including Iwo Jima), the Marshall Islands and Kiribati (the Gilbert Islands).

After I saw my first total eclipse of the sun, I was hooked. I've chased them in Hawaii, Chile and Curaçao, always on budget trips, never on a tour.

I watched that first solar eclipse on the Big Island of Hawaii in 1991 with my husband, Michael. We decided a week before the event to go. We booked tickets quickly using mileage, but we couldn't find a hotel room or car rental.

I called the Big Island Visitors' Bureau, and the woman I spoke with said, "There's a guy near Hilo who's renting rooms in his home." When I called him, he asked, "Where did you get my

name?" I told him. "Oh," he said, "you must have talked to my mom."

Indeed. Kerry was a high school science teacher, a bonus as a host for our "scientific" trip, and we've developed a lasting friendship, as we have with other eclipsophiles.

The morning of the eclipse we clambered to the top of a small volcanic cinder cone, where we could see the countryside below and the sky above. Michael groused about getting up at 4 to see the 7 a.m. show, but when the moon covered the sun, he cheered straight through the four minutes of totality.

Now unabashed total-solar-eclipse junkies, we started planning 18 months ahead for our second eclipse. We wanted a location with good odds for clear weather.

Using NASA maps showing where totality would be and Air Force relief maps of northern Chile, we selected the Atacama Desert, where, in some areas, rainfall has never been recorded.

Trying to get above as much atmosphere as possible, we settled on the village of Putre at 11,500 feet in the Andes. We weren't alone in this decision. Hundreds of people crowded into the village the morning of the eclipse. We asked a young man in a black velvet top hat about his journey. "We're college students from London," he said. "We heard about it two weeks ago and thought it sounded cool."

One pleasure in seeing an eclipse is the shared experience, and we joined a hundred cheering watchers in Putre who spontaneously formed a circle, held hands and danced on the hillside after totality.

Our third eclipse took us to the Caribbean and Curaçao. Less organized even than the

British students, we planned just a week in advance and used mileage to fly there. Consulting a guidebook, we found an inexpensive hotel and a car.

On our scouting mission the day before the eclipse, we discovered that our planned viewing site, Christoffel National Park with its 1,238-foot peak, would be closed the next day, no doubt to protect the Caribbean desert from hundreds of single-minded eclipse gazers.

We found an upscale hotel in a prime viewing location that would allow us to eat a buffet lunch and stand on its property for \$50 each.

A quarter-mile away, however, a free, public, white-sand beach beckoned. We plotted which umbrella-like palapa we would claim in the morning.

Curaçao thirsted under a 10-month drought, but we awoke at 5 a.m. to a downpour. We had wanted the palapa for sun protection, but it sheltered us equally well from the rain. For eight hours we agonized, waiting for clear skies.

Undeterred, a man near us had a cross-braced device for holding his video-camera. A welder's glass was attached to the front. He relaxed on a low chair in the sand. "I don't want to waste totality looking at a camera," he said.

We developed friendships with the video man, Paul, and a couple under the next palapa, all of whom lived 60 miles from us in California.

The sky cleared only 20 minutes before totality. Our reward for patience was three minutes and 45 seconds of the otherworldliness of totality.

The July 22 eclipse will be fairly long, lasting more than 6 ½ minutes in the western Pacific east of Japan's Ryukyu Islands. I'm getting ready by counting my airline miles, searching travel books, and scouring the Internet to decide between the Japanese islands or Shanghai in China. We'll compare information with Kerry, Paul and our other eclipsophile friends, too. Whichever we choose, we'll have an adventure chasing a total eclipse of the sun.

## TIPS FOR ECLIPSE CHASERS

Be sure it's a total solar eclipse. If it isn't total, you can never look without special viewers or see the solar corona, and that's where the mystique lies.

Never look directly at the sun.

You will seriously damage your eyes or cause blindness in seconds. During totality, the moon completely covers the sun, and you can safely look at the black moon and the ethereal solar corona. The instant the sun begins to emerge from under the moon, however, avert your eyes. If you want to see the partial phases of the eclipse, buy "eclipse viewers" from observatories, science museums, Rainbow Symphony ([www.rainbowsymphony.com/eclipse-glasses.html](http://www.rainbowsymphony.com/eclipse-glasses.html)) or Eclipse Glasses ([www.eclipse-glasses.com](http://www.eclipse-glasses.com)).

Maximize totality. The path of totality, the moon's full shadow across the Earth, is about 100 miles wide. The shadow moves at more than 2,000 mph, so an eclipse exists in one spot for only a matter of seconds or minutes. Be at the shadow's center, called the centerline, where the eclipse lasts the longest.

Check weather records. Pick a location that's likely to have clear weather. Then cross your fingers. Find weather information for the July 22 eclipse at <http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~jander/tot2009/tse09intro.htm>.

Get a car. If weather is poor, drive to clear skies. Make sure the area you've selected has passable, public roads.

Find a panoramic viewpoint. The heavens glow in unusual shades of blues during the low light of totality. Dim sunlight comes from the "wrong" direction — high in the lapis lazuli sky, not at the horizon — and a sweeping view of sky and land amplifies the ambience. Check viewing locations at least a day in advance at the time the eclipse will occur to make sure the sun won't be hidden by trees or cliffs.

Don't take pictures. Eclipses only last moments, and you don't want to be fussing with your tripod and camera.

Find other things to do. Choose an area you'd like to visit anyway, in case clouds eclipse your eclipse. Or at least be open to what you find.

## WHEN YOU GO

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSES

•The next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will be Aug. 21, 2017, so you'll have to plan an overseas trip to experience this phenomenon before that. Solar eclipses occur about every 18 months but not all are total, and totality is the spectacular part.

•Here are total solar eclipses and their locations during the next nine years:

July 22, 2009: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Tibet, China, southern Japanese islands, the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and the central Pacific Ocean

July 11, 2010: Southern Pacific Ocean, Chile and Argentina

Nov. 13, 2012: Australia and southern Pacific Ocean

Nov. 3, 2013: Atlantic Ocean and Africa

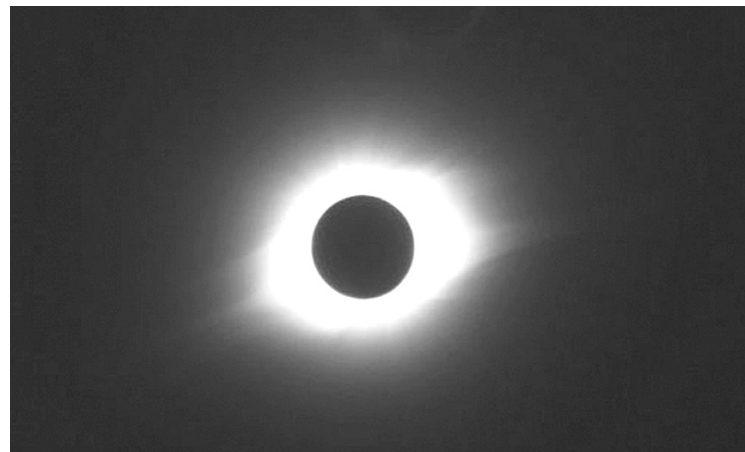
March 20, 2015: North Atlantic Ocean, Faroe Islands and Svalbard

March 9, 2016: Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi and Pacific Ocean

Aug. 21, 2017: Northern Pacific Ocean, United States (totality best viewed in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina) and Atlantic Ocean

## Looking far ahead

If you really want to plan ahead, NASA's "Mr. Eclipse," Fred Espenak, lists links to tables of all solar eclipses through the 22nd century. Access <http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/solar.html>. □



## APRIL ORCUTT/Special Contributor

The moment of totality -- when the moon completely covers the sun -- is why eclipse-chasers travel thousands of miles (in this case, to the Caribbean island of Curaçao in 1998) to see them. Although totality lasts only a few minutes, eclipsophiles say it's well worth the money and effort.

# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

### European stocks calm as US readies for 4th of July

By PAN PYLAS,  
AP Business Writer

LONDON – European stock markets traded in a narrow range Friday as investors caught their breath after big losses the day before on U.S. jobs data. Wall Street's closure for the Independence Day holiday kept trading volumes exceptionally light.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed up 2.01 points, or 0.1 percent,

at 4,236.28, while Germany's DAX fell 10.28 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,708.21. The CAC-40 in France was 3.10 points, or 0.1 percent, higher at 3,119.51.

Earlier, Asian markets mostly fell but the losses were tame compared to those recorded on Wall Street on Thursday after the payrolls data, which showed U.S. employers slashed 467,000 jobs in June — 100,000 more than

anticipated.

That was also the first increase in monthly jobs losses since January.

"Yesterday's U.S. jobs data contained plenty of bad news and put a big question mark over the 'green shoot' thesis that we are through the worst and that economic recovery is around the corner," said Neil Mackinnon, chief economist at ECU Group.

Equities rose from the middle

### US clings to hopes for 2009 economic recovery

by Rob Lever

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Halfway through 2009, the US economy is still struggling in recession amid fragile hopes for recovery by the end of the year.

Those recovery hopes were dampened by Thursday's worse-than-expected report on US payrolls, which showed a rise in job losses in June of 467,000, as unemployment rose to a new 26-year-high of 9.5 percent.

This curbed some of the optimism generated by moderating job losses in May and other reports suggesting improving trends in key areas such as manufacturing and consumer spending.

With the economy still bleeding jobs, some analysts fear a new downward spiral fed by falling incomes that cut into consumer spending, the lifeblood of economic activity.

Meny Grauman, economist at CIBC World Markets, said some analysts have got ahead of themselves in anticipating an economic recovery.

The June payrolls report "shows the recession lives on in the United States," he said.

"It's a question of the pace of decline and not recovery. The economy continues to contract at a slower pace than at the

beginning of this year, but it's still a steep ride."

The US economy shrank at a 5.5 percent pace in the first quarter, based on the latest official estimate, following a 6.3 percent slide in gross domestic product (GDP) in the fourth quarter -- representing the worst slump in decades, resulting from the collapse of a housing bubble and global credit squeeze.

Many analysts expect the third quarter that began July 1 to show flat or improving economic activity as a recovery takes hold, but the latest labor report is raising doubts.

"This is just one month's report but if it is followed by another disappointing report in July we might have to revise our figures downward for the third quarter" for the US economy, said Sal Guatieri at BMO Capital Markets.

"Right now we are pencilling in a flat GDP in the third quarter," he said, adding however that "job losses remain massive and are a continuing source of downside risk to the economic outlook."

Until now, many economists had been revising their forecast upward.

Deutsche Bank economists have upped their US and global forecasts while warning of soft conditions.



A homeless man walks past a furniture store that is going out of business in Los Angeles. Halfway through 2009, the US economy is still struggling in recession amid fragile hopes for recovery by the end of the year. (AFP/File/Mark Ralston)

"We now expect the economy to bottom out (in the third) quarter and for real GDP to register a positive increase by the fourth quarter," said a report by Deutsche Bank's Peter Hooper and Thomas Mayer. "However, the economy will remain fundamentally soft for the foreseeable future. The labor market has not yet bottomed, household buying power is negligible and consumers are highly leveraged with little access to credit."

Joel Naroff at Naroff Economic Advisors said recovery doubts will grow following the payrolls data. □



Floor traders work at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Friday, July 3, 2009 in Hong Kong. Asian stocks retreated Friday as a weaker-than-expected U.S. jobs report signaled more pain ahead for the world's largest economy. Losses across Asia were somewhat tame compared to Wall Street, where markets pulled sharply lower. Oil prices weakened further, while the dollar was little changed against the yen.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

of March until the start of June on hopes that the U.S. economy in particular will recover from recession sooner than anticipated. Many investors saw stock valuations as particularly cheap and started buying. But bad economic news over the last few weeks brought an abrupt end to the rally and altered the general mood prevailing among investors.

Nevertheless, stocks around the world still managed to achieve one of the best quarters in years during the second quarter.

The S&P 500 index in the U.S. rose around 16 percent during the quarter, its best performance since 1998, amid hopes of a global recovery despite worries about the banking system, public finances and the length and depth of the recession.

Trading has been subdued as the U.S. has a day off ahead of Saturday's 4th of July celebrations and many in London focused on the Wimbledon tennis championships semi-finals, where Andy Murray was facing American Andy Roddick as the markets closed in an attempt to become the first Briton for 71 years to

make the final.

"With New York shut for Independence Day the boys and girls in equity trading rooms are levitating two inches above the carpet in anticipation of the two Andys swapping rackets at 50 paces... and care little about the vagaries of the market place," said David Buik, a markets analyst at BGC Partners in London.

Earlier, Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average dropped 60.08 points, or 0.6 percent, to 9,816.07, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng closed up 25.35 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,203.40 after trading in the red most of the day.

Australia's benchmark fell 1.4 percent, and Singapore's main index finished down 1 percent.

China's Shanghai Composite index was largely flat. In Korea, the Kospi rebounded to close up 0.6 percent.

Oil prices rose in light holiday trading volume after tumbling the day before as the disappointing U.S. job numbers raised concerns about demand. Benchmark crude for August delivery fell 48 cents to \$66.25 a barrel.

The dollar was up 0.1 percent at 96 yen, while the euro rose 0.3 percent to \$1.3992. □

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# Palin resigning as Alaska governor

RACHEL D'ORO

Associated Press Writer

WASILLA, Alaska (AP) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, former Republican vice presidential candidate, made a surprise announcement Friday that she is resigning from office at the end of the month without explaining why she plans to step down, raising speculation that she would focus on a run for the White House in the 2012 race.

Palin hastily called a news conference Friday morning at her home in suburban Wasilla, giving such short notice that only a few reporters actually made it to the announcement. State troopers blocked late-arriving media outside her home, and her spokesman, Dave Murrow, finally emerged to confirm that Palin will step down July 26. He refused to give details about the governor's future plans.

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell will be inaugurated at the governor's picnic in Fairbanks at the end of the month, Murrow said.

Palin was first elected in 2006 on a populist platform.

But her popularity has waned as she waged in partisan politics following her return from the presidential campaign. Her term would have

ended in 2010.

Palin said she planned to make a "positive change outside government," without elaborating. She also expressed frustration with her current role as governor.

"I cannot stand here as your governor and allow the millions of dollars and all that time go to waste just so I can hold the title of governor," Palin said.

Later, on Twitter, she promised supporters more details: "We'll soon attach info on decision to not seek re-election ... this is in Alaska's best interest, my family's happy ... it is good. Stay tuned"

Palin's decision even took Parnell by surprise. He said he was told on Wednesday evening, and was not aware that any presidential ambitions were behind the move.

Palin emerged from relative obscurity nearly a year ago when she was tapped as then Republican presidential candidate John McCain's running mate.

She was a controversial figure from the start, with comedian Tina Fey famously imitating her elaborate hairstyle and folksy "You betcha!" on "Saturday Night Live."

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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin announces that she is stepping down from her position as Governor in Wasilla, Alaska on Friday July 3, 2009. The former Republican vice presidential candidate made the surprise announcement, saying she would step down July 26 but didn't announce her plans.

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## US serial killer blamed for 4 deaths in 6 days

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GAFFNEY, South Carolina (AP) — Sheriff's deputies searched Friday for a serial killer blamed for four deaths over the past six days as terrified residents wondered who might be next.

Investigators have not figured out how the victims are linked or if they knew the man who shot them. So far, all they have is a sketch of a suspect and a possible getaway vehicle, said Cherokee County Sheriff Bill Blanton.

"There's no evidence there is a hit list," Blanton said. "There's no evidence he knows the victims. There's no evidence the victims are connected."

But plenty of evidence links the killings, said Blanton, who would not provide details.

"Yes, we have a serial killer," he said at a news conference. The latest victims were found in their family's small furniture and appliance shop in the small town of Gaffney, South Carolina, around closing time Thursday. Stephen Tyler, 45, was killed, and his 15-year-old daughter was shot and seriously injured. Tyler's wife, his older daughter and an employee found them, County Coroner Dennis Fowler said.

The latest killing happened one day and about 7 miles from where family members found the bodies of 83-year-old Hazel Linder and her

50-year-old daughter, Gena Linder Parker, bound and shot in Linder's home. Blanton would not say if Tyler and his daughter were also bound.

The killing spree began last Saturday about 10 miles from Tyler's shop. Peach farmer Kline Cash, 63, was found shot in his living room. Investigators said he appeared to have been robbed, but they haven't determined if anything was taken in the latest killings.

The shootings have prompted fear in Cherokee County, 50 miles south of Charlotte, North Carolina, and home to about 54,000 people. The county had just six homicides in all of 2008, and that was double the number reported the year before. □



Top Iranian cleric Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, delivers a sermon during Friday prayers at the Tehran University campus, in Tehran, Iran, Friday, July 3, 2009.

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## Iranian cleric: British Embassy staff to be tried

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A powerful cleric said Friday that Iran will put British Embassy staffers on trial for fomenting postelection turmoil, a step that would likely increase Iran's isolation and alienate Western nations that have been trying to keep options open with Tehran despite its crackdown on protesters.

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Most recently, she led a public spat with "Late Show" host David Letterman over a joke he made about one of her daughters being "knocked up" by New York Yankees baseball player Alex Rodriguez during the governor's recent visit to New York. Palin's 18-year-old daughter, Bristol, is an unwed, teenage mother.

Letterman later apologized for the joke.

Palin's family and the ridicule they endure being in the public eye was part of her decision. She complained that her 14-month-old son, Trig, who was diagnosed with Down's syndrome, had been "mocked and ridiculed by some mean-spirited adults recently." She didn't elaborate.

Palin campaigned on ethics reform in the 2006 election, defeating incumbent Gov. Frank Murkowski in the

Republican primary and a former two-term Democratic governor, Tony Knowles, in the general election.

She enjoyed an extended honeymoon with lawmakers and voters alike. Her popularity was in the 80 percentile range, even though that fell after the bruising, partisan presidential campaign.

Palin's delivery of two weeks' notice rattles a Republican Party plagued with setbacks in recent weeks, including extramarital affairs disclosed by two other 2012 presidential prospects, Nevada Sen. John Ensign and South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford.

Ensign, a member of the Christian ministry Promise Keepers, stepped down from the Senate Republican leadership last month after admitting he had an affair for much of last year with a woman on his campaign staff who was married to one of

his Senate aides. Ensign later disclosed he had helped the woman's husband get two jobs during the affair.

A government watchdog group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, wants the Senate ethics committee and the Federal Election Commission to investigate.

Just days after news of Ensign's affair broke, Sanford admitted an affair with a woman in Argentina. Some lawmakers are now calling for his resignation. Before the admission, Sanford had been missing from the state for five days visiting his lover. He had slipped his security detail, lied to his staff about where he was and failed to transfer power to the lieutenant governor in case of a state emergency. Sanford admitted he also saw the mistress during a state-funded trip to Argentina last year.

He promised to reimburse the state for part of the trip's costs. The state Commerce Department said the trip itinerary originally included only Brazil, but the governor requested economic development meetings in Argentina. □

# Six people killed in London high-rise blaze



British firefighters search a burnt out building in Camberwell, southeast London, Friday, July 3, 2009. Six people, including a 3-week-old baby, were killed and 30 people had to be rescued when fire ripped through a high-rise apartment building in London on Friday, emergency services said.

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LONDON (AP) — Six people, including a 3-week-old baby, were killed and 30 people had to be rescued when fire ripped through a high-rise apartment building in London on Friday,

emergency services said.

London Fire Brigade and police said the dead were three adults and three children — a 3-week old baby, a 6-year-old and a 7-year-old.

The brigade said 18 fire engines and more than 100 firefighters were called to the blaze in the Camberwell area of south London at around 4:20 p.m..

The fire started on the fourth floor and spread quickly to seven floors of the 12-story building, part of a large 1960s public-housing project.

"It was shocking to see the quantities of smoke and flames," said Sarah Gresty, who lives nearby.

One of the firefighters, Paul Glenn, said London's current summer heat wave may have helped the fire spread.

"I've been in the job for 30 years, and I've never seen anything like it," he said. "The hot weather and the fact that people's windows were open made the fire what it was."

The fire brigade said 30 residents had been rescued from the building "in extremely difficult circumstances."

Police said 12 people were being treated in local hospitals.

Four hours after it began, the fire brigade said the blaze was under control and investigators were on the scene to determine its cause. □

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## Protesters block Paris airport over Yemen crash

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PARIS (AP) — Protesters linked arms across an entrance at Paris' main airport on Friday to keep passengers off a Yemeni flight to Comoros — a route that saw a deadly crash this week, after years of complaints about dangerous conditions on the flight path to the Indian Ocean island nation.

The airline that operated the crashed jet, Yemenia, suspended its service to Comoros in response to the Paris protest and other demonstrations this week, accusing the protesters of "inadmissible violence."

Many in the Comoran community in France are angry that it took Tuesday's accident, which killed 152 people on Yemenia airlines' Paris-Moroni flight, to focus attention on the problems. They say that since 2004 they have been complaining about dangerous planes, unhelpful crews and stopovers in the Yemeni capital of San'a that

last hours or days in stifling heat with little information and few basic services from the Yemeni airline.

Dozens of protesters gathered outside Charles de Gaulle's Terminal 3 and blocked passengers entering the terminal, shouting at passengers not to take the Yemenia flight.

Only 72 passengers ended up boarding the plane, which has a capacity of 180, and the flight didn't take off until noon, three hours after its scheduled departure, an airport official said on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the media. She said, however, that the protest did not appear to have caused the delay.

Yemenia said in a statement later Friday that protesters have exposed airline personnel to "major risks" and as a consequence it suspended all flights to Comoros "until the situation calms." The airline defended its handling of the investigation and pledged to reimburse any unused tickets. French Transport Minister

Dominique Bussereau warned that Yemenia risked inclusion on a European Union list of banned airlines.

Khaled el-Wazeer, the Yemeni transportation minister, said that his government will provide documents within a week showing how the airline deals with technical problems on planes, a measure the EU has called necessary to keep it off the blacklist.

On Thursday, hundreds of shouting demonstrators at Marseille's airport tried to block passengers from boarding a Yemenia flight to the Comoran capital.

The airline said it was indefinitely suspending its flights from the Mediterranean port city to Moroni.

"SOS Trips to Comoros," a passenger group formed to push for better conditions, said that it had complained to airline officials as early as 2004 that planes on the route were unsafe.

Yemeni officials brushed aside the concerns, saying "that if their planes didn't meet standards they wouldn't



Comorians waiting to board a Airbus A330-200 from Yemenia Airways at Roissy airport, north of Paris, pray before taking off for Sana'a, Yemen, Friday July 3, 2009. Members of the Comorian community living in France demonstrated at the T3 terminal of Roissy airport where passengers for this flight were checking in. The plane took off 4 and a half hours late, with 72 passengers onboard instead of the 180 initially booked.

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put their crew on it," member Zalifa Youssouf told The Associated Press by telephone Friday. Yemeni officials issued no public statement on the group's claims Friday. Ships continued to search for survivors, bodies and wreckage from Yemenia Flight 626, which went down in heavy winds off the coast of the Comoros islands. Hopes

of finding anyone alive in the choppy seas were dim.

A 12-year-old girl was rescued after clinging to floating wreckage for more than 13 hours, suffering from hypothermia, a fractured collarbone and widespread bruises to her face, elbow and foot.

Her mother was presumed dead. □

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In this Sept. 19, 2008, file photo, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, and Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, center, who heads Iran's Guardian Council, attend a ceremony in Tehran, Iran. Jannati said in his Friday prayer sermon July 3, 2009 that some of the detained Iranian staffers of the British Embassy in Tehran will be put on trial.

**IRANIAN CLERIC**

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The announcement fueled European Union to pull their calls in Europe for tougher ambassadors out of Tehran to

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action against Tehran. Britain is pressing for members of the British Embassy staff could help boost its case before the Iranian public.


protest the staffers' arrests last week.

The standoff is a test of how far Iran's clerical rulers are willing to go to shore up their position at home after the wave of protests — even if they risk wrecking possibilities for dialogue between Tehran and the West, a major policy goal of President Barack Obama that Tehran cautiously welcomed. After quashing the street demonstrations, Iran's leadership has been trying to erase any lingering doubts about the legitimacy of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by portraying the unrest as sparked by foreign meddling, not by public anger over the June 12 election, which the protesters said was fraudulent. Prosecuting the detained Iranian members of the British Embassy staff could help boost its case before the Iranian public.


At the same time, the arrests test the U.S. and Europe's policy, which has so far been to avoid an overly harsh reaction to Iran's postelection crisis. The West has been wary of condemnations of Iran's leadership, in part for fear of undermining prospects for future talks with Tehran, particularly over its controversial nuclear program. So far, the EU has taken an incremental approach. On Friday, a day after issuing a public call for the staffers' release, governments across the 27-nation bloc summoned Iran's ambassadors to present the demand in person. Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said the EU's "escalatory approach to Iran was working." But French President Nicolas Sarkozy said his country backs Britain's push for tougher

action, "so that Iranian leaders will really understand that the path that they have chosen will be a dead end." British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said his country is "deeply concerned" about the personnel, who he said "have not engaged in any improper or illegal behavior." He said he would speak with Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki about the issue. Word of the trials came from Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, an ultra-conservative who is one of the most prominent figures in Iran's clerical leadership and is close to the country's supreme leader. Jannati took a tough line in a sermon to thousands of worshippers attending Friday prayers at Tehran University, accusing Britain of being behind the protests. London "designed a velvet revolution" to topple Iran's Islamic government and the detained staffers confessed to their role, he told the crowd, where some chanted slogans against the U.S. and Israel. "In these events, their embassy had a presence," he said. "Some people were arrested. Well, inevitably, they will be put on trial." He did not say how many staffers will be tried or on what charges. Earlier Iranian officials said all but one of the nine embassy personnel originally arrested had been released, but British officials say two are being held. Government officials could not be reached on Friday for confirmation the staffers would be tried. Jannati does not hold a position in the government, but is the head of the Guardian Council, a powerful body in the

clerical hierarchy that stands above the elected government. The council oversees elections, and it carried out a partial recount which was ordered after Ahmadinejad's pro-reform rival Mir Hossein Mousavi cried fraud and said he was the victor. The recount ultimately upheld Ahmadinejad's election victory. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei declared the results would stand, and ruling clerics promptly called the elections "pure" and "healthy." Giant protests erupted in Tehran and other cities over the results, but they were put down in a tough crackdown after Khamenei declared unrest would no longer be tolerated. Police say 20 "rioters" were killed during the violence. During his sermon, Jannati said seven or eight members of the paramilitary Basij militia were also killed. Basijis took a leading role in putting down the protests, often clashing with demonstrators. There have been no street protests since Sunday, but Mousavi appears driven to maintain his opposition and even to raise the stakes. In a defiant statement on Wednesday, he said he considered the government illegitimate and demanded political prisoners be released. Still, he has been laying low, making no public appearances for days amid calls by many hard-liners for him to be prosecuted. In major cities across Iran, clerics delivering Friday prayer sermons told worshippers to accept the supreme leader's ruling on the results, according to transcripts on the state news agency IRNA. □



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# Caribbean leaders voice concern on ALBA alliance

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana

(AP) — Some Caribbean leaders expressed concern Friday that a leftist Latin American alliance making inroads in the region could hurt a long-running project to integrate island economies.

So far the Caribbean nations of Antigua, Dominica and St. Vincent have joined the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas, or ALBA, a nine-nation trade alliance backed by the government of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

The project's growth was on the agenda for discussions at a four-day summit here of the Caribbean Community, a 15-nation grouping also known as Caricom that was created in the 1970s.

Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding conceded many leaders are frustrated by the slow pace of integration under Caricom, but he said

taking on new international commitments will only make it more difficult.

"When you start to create other alliances, you assume other responsibilities and obligations which may very well cut across the obligations you have at home," Golding said.

Grenada's prime minister, Tillman Thomas, said his island will not join ALBA because it would create the false impression of problems inside Caricom.

Venezuela has boosted its influence in the region through the Petrocaribe pact, which allows more than a dozen Caribbean nations to buy oil under highly preferential terms.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit of Dominica, the first Caricom nation to join ALBA, said countries have to seek out new sources of aid and trade. He said he owes an explanation "only to the



From left to right, San Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Ralph Goncalves, Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Winston Baldwin Spencer, Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, Cuba's Vice President Jose Ramon Machado, Honduras' Foreign Minister Patricia Rosas and Bolivia's President Evo Morales pose for photographers during a ceremony marking the 188 anniversary of the Battle of Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela, Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

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people who elected me."

ALBA began as an agreement between Chavez and his Cuban

mentor, Fidel Castro, calling for cooperation based on socialist principles. Other

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# Honduras rejects OAS appeal to restore president



The Secretary General of the Organization of America States, OAS, Jose Miguel Insulza, left, arrives at the international airport in Tegucigalpa, Friday July 3, 2009. Honduras' interim leader Roberto Micheletti said he was open to early elections if it resolves an impasse with the world community, as Insulza arrived to the Central American nation to demand ousted President Manuel Zelaya be restored to power.

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras**  
(AP)—Honduras' Supreme Court rebuffed a personal appeal from the Americas' top international diplomat Friday, refusing to restore ousted President Manuel

Zelaya before a Saturday deadline.

Jose Miguel Insulza, who heads the Organization of American States, flew to Honduras in an attempt to persuade the forces that ousted Zelaya to take him back in the face of

overwhelming international condemnation and economic sanctions.

He met for two hours with Jorge Rivera, president of the Supreme Court that authorized the military to seize Zelaya on Sunday and fly him into exile.

"Insulza asked Honduras to reinstate Zelaya, but the president of the court categorically answered that there is an arrest warrant for him," said court spokesman Danilo Izaguirre. "Now the OAS has to decide what it will do."

Insulza made no comments as he emerged from the meeting. He has said Honduras will be suspended from the organization, a move that could lead to further sanctions against one of the Americas' poorest countries, unless Zelaya is restored by Saturday morning. The OAS has called an emergency meeting in Washington for Saturday afternoon.

Insulza had conceded before traveling to Honduras that his mission was unlikely to succeed, saying: "It will be very hard to turn things around in a couple of days."

"We are not going to Honduras to negotiate. We are going to Honduras to ask them to change what they have been doing," he said.

Insulza also was meeting with leaders of Congress, "basically to clarify exactly what our position is." But he said he would not see Roberto Micheletti, whom Congress named president after Zelaya's ouster, in order to avoid legitimizing the government.

Micheletti's foreign minister, Enrique Ortez, said that Insulza "can negotiate all he wants, except for Zelaya's situation."

"That is not negotiable because he cannot return to

Honduras, and if he does he will be arrested and tried," Ortez said.

Zelaya, who was traveling in Central America, planned to return to Honduras on Sunday, according to Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega. He has said he would be traveling with Insulza and the presidents of Argentina and Ecuador. Contrary to assertions by the Micheletti government, Interpol on Friday released a statement saying it had not received any request to issue an arrest warrant for Zelaya.

Micheletti led a raucous chant of "Democracy!" before a giant crowd waving blue-and-white Honduran flags in front of the palace that Micheletti has occupied since Zelaya was seized by soldiers and flown into exile. He pledged to stand firm in the face of the international pressure.

"I am the president of all Hondurans," he proclaimed.

"They said we were afraid, but here is the proof that the people are not afraid," Micheletti yelled. "We are asking Hondurans to communicate with their relatives throughout the world to tell them that no coup took place here."

A rival rally by thousands of Zelaya backers marched to the offices of the OAS. Marchers carried a banner with a picture of Zelaya and the words: "Mel our friend, the people are with you!" Labor and farm leaders who back Zelaya said they would meet with Insulza on Friday afternoon.

Despite feared violence, the two groups did not clash. Police helicopters circled overhead and dozens of soldiers and police guarded the palace.

Micheletti's supporters say the army was justified in ousting Zelaya — on

orders of Congress and the Supreme Court — because he had called a referendum which they claim he intended to use to extend his rule. Zelaya denies that and has said he will no longer press for constitutional changes. Nations around the world have promised to shun Micheletti, who was sworn in after the coup, and the nation already is suffering economic reprisals.

Neighboring countries have imposed trade blockades, major lenders have cut aid, the Obama administration has halted joint military operations and all European Union ambassadors have abandoned the Honduran capital.

Micheletti's government is so eager to find a friend that it announced it had been recognized by Israel and Italy — surprising the governments of those countries. Italy withdrew its ambassador to protest the coup, and Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said: "All rumors about Israeli recognition of the new president are wholly unfounded."

Micheletti asked Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberta Menchu to help mediate the conflict, and she arrived in Tegucigalpa on Friday.

"I come to try to talk with anyone who wants to listen to search for peace for this country," she said.

A suspension by the OAS could encourage other organizations and countries to suspend international aid and loans to Honduras.

Ousted Honduran Finance Minister Rebeca Santos on Friday told international finance ministers in Chile that the coup has already hurt the economy. The World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank have suspended between \$300 million and \$450 million in financing □

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Indiana Fever's Tammy Sutton-Brown, left, goes to the basket against Connecticut Sun's Kerri Gardin during the first quarter of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Thursday, July 2, 2009. Indiana won 67-53.

Associated Press

### WNBA Roundup Fever post team-record 7th straight win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tammy Sutton-Brown had 14 points and 14 rebounds to help the Indiana Fever beat the Connecticut Sun 67-53 and win a team-record seventh WNBA game in a row on Thursday.

Katie Douglas scored 14 points and Tamika Catchings and Ebony Hoffman each scored 10 for Indiana, which has the WNBA's best record at 7-2.

Lindsay Whalen scored 11 points and Asjha Jones added 10 for the Sun, whose three-game winning streak ended. The Fever held Connecticut scoreless for the first 4:37 of the second half during an 11-0 run to take control.

#### Liberty 80, Shock 64

At New York, Shameka Christon scored 25 points to help New York end a three-game losing streak.

Loree Moore had 15 points, Cathrine Kraayeveld added 13 and Essence Carson 12 for the Liberty.

Cheryl Ford scored 13 points and Deanna Nolan and Kara Braxton had 12 each for the defending champion Shock, who fell to last in the Eastern Conference. □

## Federer, Roddick to meet in third Wimbledon final



Andy Roddick of U.S. falls to the ground after defeating Britain's Andy Murray, in their men's singles semifinal on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, Friday, July 3, 2009.

Associated Press

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Five-time champion Roger Federer reached his seventh straight Wimbledon final Friday and will face Andy Roddick for a chance at a record 15th Grand Slam title.

Federer delivered a masterful grass-court performance to beat Tommy Haas 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-3, extending his winning run to 18 consecutive matches and closing in on the mark he shares with Pete Sampras of 14 major titles.

Federer will meet Roddick in the final for the third time in six years after the American defeated Andy Murray 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5). The Swiss star beat Roddick in the 2004 and '05 finals and leads 18-2 overall.

The third-seeded Murray had been seeking to become the first British man to reach the final in 71 years and first to take the title since 1936, but Roddick outplayed him on the big points to silence the home fans.

"To be honest, the last couple of years I didn't know if I'd ever get a chance to play for another Grand Slam title," said Roddick, who won the U.S. Open in 2003. "Now I get to. It's just a dream."

Roddick saved a break point with Murray leading 4-3 in the fourth set with a forehand winner, then came through with big serves in the tiebreaker. When Murray slapped a backhand into the net on the second match point, Roddick fell to his knees on the grass and leaned forward covering his head.

"I had to play my best tennis out there to win today," Roddick said. "I can't say enough good things about Andy's game, but I can play some tennis sometimes, and not many people were giving me much of a chance at all and I knew if I could stay the course that I had a shot and that's all you can ask for."

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## Agassi, Clijsters, Chang join World Team Tennis league



MELISSA MURPHY

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi, Kim Clijsters and Michael Chang will all play in the World Team Tennis league in the United States this year. While Agassi had previously played in WTT from 2002-04, Chang and Clijsters will make their debuts this month. Agassi will play for the Philadelphia Freedoms, Chang for the Sacramento Capitals, and Clijsters —who plans to return to the WTA tour after

a two-year retirement —will play two matches with the St. Louis Aces.

They'll join stars Serena Williams (Washington Kastles), Venus Williams (Philadelphia), Maria Sharapova (Newport Beach Breakers), Martina Navratilova (Boston Lobsters), Anna Kournikova (St. Louis Aces) and John McEnroe (New York Sportimes).

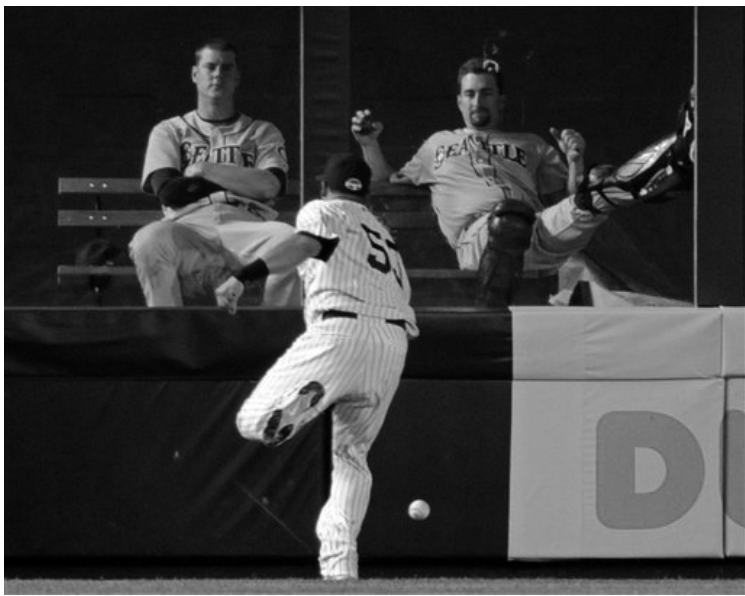
Billie Jean King, the co-founder of World Team Tennis, and commissioner Ilana Kloss

traveled to Agassi's home in Las Vegas earlier this year and asked the eight-time major champion to play in their league.

"How do you say no to Billie?" Agassi said. "She's changed the face of sports. She's given anybody that has a daughter a chance at a life in sports. I have so much appreciation for what her visions are."

The 10-team league began its season on Thursday. Agassi will play at home July 10 against Boston and at Newport Beach, California, on July 17. "I wanted to sort of re-engage in certain respects," said Agassi, who recently played an exhibition with wife Steffi Graf at Wimbledon. "Show an appreciation for the life and platform that tennis has given me."

"We always get good players," King said. "They don't have to play. Players that like teams and like to give back to communities, they like our league." □



New York Yankees center fielder Melky Cabrera chases a two-run double by Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki as unidentified Mariners look on from the bullpen during the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 2, 2009, at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Mariners won 8-4.

NEW YORK (AP) — Franklin Gutierrez and Russell Branyan homered as Seattle snapped New York's seven-game winning streak with an 8-4 victory Thursday night. Ichiro Suzuki hit a two-run double and Chris Woodward added two RBIs

*Associated Press*

## AL Roundup

# Mariners snap Yankees' streak

as the Mariners handed CC Sabathia his second loss in 11 starts.

Seattle won in the Bronx for the first time since Sept. 3, 2007, ending a 10-game road losing streak against the Yankees.

Gutierrez had three hits and Branyan launched his 20th homer in the ninth inning, a two-run drive off right-hander Alfredo Aceves that made it 8-4.

Miguel Batista pitched two hitless innings to win in relief of Jason Vargas, who lasted four innings with flu symptoms.

Hideki Matsui homered and drove in three runs for New York, while Robinson Cano

had three hits.

Sabathia was pulled with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth. He allowed six runs and 10 hits, striking out eight.

White Sox 4, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Mark Buehrle was dominant into the ninth inning, allowing six hits and a run, as Chicago got its sixth straight victory. Buehrle started the ninth with a four-hit shutout but failed to get his first complete game since May 2, 2008, when Alberto Callaspo doubled and scored on David DeJesus' one-out double.

Bobby Jenks got the last two outs for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Jayson Nix hit a solo homer off Bruce Chen as the Royals lost their sixth in eight games. They have scored only three runs in their last three games, all losses.

Chen went six-plus innings plus two batters and gave up two runs and five hits. He was making his second major league start since undergoing

Tommy John surgery in late 2007.

Angels 5, Orioles 2

At Anaheim, California, Bobby Abreu hit two home runs and John Lackey pitched eight solid innings for Los Angeles.

The multihomer game was the 14th of Abreu's career, his first as an Angel. Both his shots were off Baltimore starter Jeremy Guthrie, who gave up nine hits in seven innings.

Lackey, who had a loss and a no-decision in his last two starts, got the run support he needed this time. He struck out seven and gave up two hits while only walking one. Luke Scott homered in the seventh for the Orioles, who are 11-24 on the road.

Abreu homered in the fourth and the Angels scored four in the fifth, including Abreu's sixth homer of the season.

**In other AL games it was, Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 4; Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 1; and L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 2.** □

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# DRIVE

# Tiger pounces into lead at Congressional Country Club

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— Tiger Woods salvaged his round during a shaky stretch in the middle and shot 4-under 66 Friday to take a one-shot lead at the AT&T National with the lowest 36-hole score ever at Congressional Country Club.

“Either I hit it pretty close to the hole, within 10 feet, or I was missing greens,” Woods said. “So it was a little bit of two ends today. It was nice to actually get a score out of it.” Woods was at 10-under 130, breaking by one shot the previous 36-hole score at Congressional set last year by Tom Pernice Jr. and Jeff Overton. Woods had a one-shot lead over Rod Pampling, who had a 64 to boost his chances of qualifying for the British Open.

Defending champion Anthony Kim couldn’t build on his course-record 62 from the opening round. He played in the afternoon, after Woods set the target, and caught him briefly before missing too many fairways and having to settle for a 70 that put him two behind.

Jim Furyk, adding more star power to the leaderboard, had a 67 and was along in fourth. Perhaps more daunting than Woods’ record 36-hole score is his record on the PGA Tour when he has at least a share of the 36-hole lead. He is 31-6, having won the last 11



times from that spot dating to 2004 at the Byron Nelson Championship.

While some of the birdies were pure, such as 5-iron within 4 feet of a tucked flag on the 13th, it was his worst golf that showed why Woods contends as often as he does. He twice hit tee shots into the rough and couldn’t get to the green. Another tee shot went into the bunker. He missed the green at a par 3 on the wrong side of the hole. From the middle of the fairway, he hit a miserable shot into a hollow of thick grass.

Woods played that five-hole stretch in 1 under.

“That’s why the guy is at such a high level,” said U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover, who played with Woods and shot 66 to join the group at 5-under

135. “When things are going bad, he can rely on his short game. He just doesn’t waste any shots. If he’s losing shots, it’s because of a bad break or a bad lie.”

There were ample opportunities to fall back.

Unable to reach the 17th green from a thick lie in the rough, Woods holed a 6-foot par putt. He pushed his 3-wood into the right rough on the 18th and had to punch under some limbs and let the ball roll toward the green, but not too far because of water all around it. He putted from off the green 70 feet away and knocked in a 5-footer for par.

The birdie came from a fairway bunker, the ball spinning back to pin-high, 5 feet away. Then came a scary chip from the

side of a mound, which he flopped with enough spin to tap in a 2-footer. And on the third hole, having short-sided himself again, Woods pitched perfectly to a green running away from him and saved another par with a 4-foot putt. “That’s how you keep yourself in a golf tournament,” Woods said. “I made a couple of big putts — 17, 18, good up-and-down on 2 — and it kept me going. I played well early, and it’s all about keeping your momentum.”

Woods will play in the final pairing of the third round with Pampling, a familiar face from their many morning practice rounds at the majors. Pampling was in the first group off Friday morning, ran off three birdies through five holes, and didn’t

get unsettled by a lone bogey when he missed the fairway on the sixth hole, which plays as a par 4 at 516 yards.

“I just didn’t do anything wrong and kept myself out of trouble,” Pampling said.

He has two weeks left to try to qualify for the British Open, but would need at least a runner-up finish this week to have a chance. Otherwise, he is headed for the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond.

Most eyes were behind Pampling, however, with the prospects of a Woods-Kim shootout at Congressional. Kim is regarded as the most promising young American to challenge Woods, and despite a swing that deserted him midway through the round, he’s only two behind. “I hate the way I hit the ball today,” Kim said. “My swing got loose and I couldn’t find it out there. If I can stay focused and stay positive, I’ll be in good shape.”

A dozen players were separated by five shots, including U.S. Amateur champion Danny Lee, who had a 67. Even so, it starts with a familiar name at the top.

“He can be playing great and then you really don’t have a lot of chance of beating him,” Pampling said. “And then he’s just playing so-so and he’s still right there with a chance to win coming down the last nine holes. He’s just amazing how consistent he is.” □

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Roger Federer of Switzerland smashes a return to Tommy Haas of Germany during their semifinal match on centre court at Wimbledon, Friday, July 3, 2009.

Associated Press

## WIMBLEDON

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Murray dominated the statistics, but still couldn't overcome Roddick's clutch play. Murray had 25 aces, 76 winners and 20 errors, compared to 21, 64 and 24 for the American.

"Throughout my career I've had a lot of shortcomings, but trying hard hasn't been one of them," Roddick said. "To be fair, he had all the pressure on him and I could come out and kind of swing and that probably helped me today."

Federer finished his match with a flourish, leaping high for a smash reminiscent of Sampras in his Wimbledon heyday. The Swiss star is the first man to make it to seven consecutive Wimbledon finals in the history of a tournament that began in 1877.

Federer never faced a break point as he beat Haas for the ninth straight time to reach his record 20th Grand Slam final. He and Ivan Lendl had been tied at 19 apiece.

"I'm very happy with my performance and it's unbelievable to be back into another Wimbledon final," Federer said. "I've had a lot of pressure over all the years, so this is just another great match, great opportunity for me to get into the history books."

If Federer wins Sunday, he will be the third player to win six or more Wimbledon titles. William Renshaw and Sampras both won seven.

"I'm very proud of all the records I've achieved because I never thought I would be that successful as a kid," Federer said. "I would have been happy winning a couple tournaments and maybe collecting Wimbledon. It's quite staggering now having reached ... my sixth straight Grand Slam final. Having so many things going for me now again, opportunity again on Sunday, it's fantastic."

If he beats Roddick, Federer will regain the No. 1 ranking from Rafael Nadal, who beat him in the Wimbledon final last year and missed this year's tournament with knee problems.

Federer said he is feeling less pressure this year than in 2007 when he equaled Bjorn Borg's record of five straight Wimbledon titles. Borg was among those watching Friday from the Royal Box.

"For some reason that meant the world to me," Federer said. "I was like in a bubble for two weeks, just trying to achieve it. So this time around I think I'm much more relaxed."

Federer, who completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open last month, said he would be happy if Sampras came to Wimbledon to watch him try to break his record. Sampras is home in California looking after his two young sons.

"He might come around, he might not," Federer said. "It's his choice. I'd love to see him because he's a good friend of mine. Very honored of course that I share the record of 14 with him." Murray had won six of eight matches against Roddick, including their last three, but couldn't overcome the American's steady serving and attacking game on this day. □

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